(a) whether the Chief Ministers of the States are being consulted before appointments of Governors are made; and

(b) if so, whether the Governor of Rajasthan was appointed after consulting the Chief Minister of that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b):- As a matter of convention, the Chief Minister of the State is consulted while making appointment of a governor to that State.

Matters relating to the appointment, transfer, removal resignation and conduct etc. of the Governors are confidential in nature.

Recruitment to IPS

4674. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Police Commission in its Sixth Report of 1981 had recommended that fifty per cent posts in Indian Police Services be filled by direct recruitment and the remaining fifty per cent by promoting the officials of State Services;

(b) whether the Government have taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the dedication is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a): The National Police Commission in its Sixth Report of 1981 had recommended that the existing 66.2/3% posts in Indian Police Service, which are filled up by direct recruitment, should be reduced to 50% and 16.2/3% of the total vacancies may be filled by a Limited Competitive Examination to be conducted by the Union Public Service Commission which should be open to any Police officer, including those in Central Police Organisations; and that the remaining 33.1/3% promotion quota should continue to be reserved for serving police officers in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The Direct Recruitment quota namely 66.2/3% is analogous in all the 3 All India Services i.e. Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service. It was decided to retain this quota in the interest of the quality of the Service and it's objectives as on All India Service.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Does not arise.

Assistance of Foreign Countries and Detective Agencies for Tackling Terrorism

4675. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take the assistance of foreign countries and

detective agencies for tackling the problem of terrorism;

(b) if so, the countries and agencies from which such assistance is likely to be received; and

(c) the nature of the said assistance and the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a): There is no such proposal.

(b) and (c): Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Return of Indians to Kuwait

4676. SHRI SURESHNAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the extent of loss to the property left behind by Indians in Kuwait during the gulf war?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): The compensation claims are being consolidated and the actual extent of loss can be ascertained only after the claims have been consolidated.

[*English*]

Status of Darjeeling

4677. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) has recently given an ultimatum to the Centre on the status of the Darjeeling hills as reported in the Telegraph dated February 20, 1992; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b): Shri Subhash Ghising, President of the Gorkha National Liberation Front, has sent communications to the Government requesting to clarify the 'legal' status of the Darjeeling Hills areas, in the context of Indo Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship, 1950. Government, however, is of the firm view that since Darjeeling is an integral part of the country there is no room for any ambiguity about its legal status, and thus no further clarification is required.

Project from Bombay High

4678. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some projects from Bombay High are pending with the Government for sanction;

(b) if so, the details of those projects;

(c) since when these projects are pending;

(d) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the same; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b): Three projects relating